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The U.S. side would like to inform the Prime Minister that an agreement has been reached between the United States and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam with only a few technical details on the protocols outstanding. The United States and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam have agreed to initial this Agreement in Paris on January 23, 1973 and sign it in Paris on January 27, 1973. For this reason, the President has decided to suspend all bombing and mining of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. This will be announced at 12:00 Noon Washington time, Monday, January 15, 1973.

The United States and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam have also agreed that Dr. Kissinger should visit Hanoi on February 8 to February 11, 1973. The purpose of this visit will be announced as being to develop a basis for normal and peaceful postwar relations.

The information about schedules will not be announced at this time and is strictly for the information of the Chinese Government.

It has occurred to the U.S. side that it would be efficient and convenient to combine Dr. Kissinger's trip to Hanoi with a visit to the People's Republic of China. This would also be important on substantive grounds so that the U.S. and Chinese sides can begin exchanging ideas about the world situation in the aftermath of the Vietnam war. The U.S. side would therefore like to propose, if it is convenient to the Chinese

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Government, that Dr. Kissinger visit Peking from February 13-17, 1973. The U.S. side would appreciate it very much if the Chinese side could confirm if these dates are agreeable. If not, a less convenient date in March can be proposed.

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TOP SECRET/SENSITIVE/EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLYMEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: Deputy Permanent Representative Chuang Yen
Mrs. Shih, Interpreter
Mr. Kuo, Notetaker

CDR. Jonathan T. Howe, NSC Staff

DATE AND TIME: Sunday, January 14, 1973 - 9:00 p.m. - 9:20 p.m.

PLACE: Chinese Embassy in New York

After brief amenities, Commander Howe presented the note (Tab A) which Dr. Kissinger had asked be conveyed directly to Mr. Chuang. The Deputy Permanent Representative said that he would pass the message to his Government. In response to Chuang's observation that everything was agreed, Commander Howe concurred that this was correct with the exception of some minor technical details associated with the protocols. He then reread the part of the note which states that agreement has been reached "with only a few technical details of the protocols outstanding." Mr. Chuang also noted that they had heard General Haig would be visiting Saigon. Commander Howe confirmed that General Haig had departed for Saigon and that he also would be visiting Phnom Penh, Vientiane and Bangkok.

The conversation then turned to lighter talk in which Commander Howe remarked about the warmth of the reception given the Chinese acrobats in Washington and the Chinese confirmed that there had been a similarly enthusiastic reception in New York City. During the course of the conversation Mrs. Shih confirmed that Ambassador Huang was on home leave and would probably return at the end of February or in early March. In parting, Mr. Chuang reiterated he would send the message immediately to Peking and wanted to thank Dr. Kissinger for sending his personal representative to convey the information.

Observations: Mr. Chuang was very personable and a good host. He made no indication that he understood English and did not take the lead in the conversation. He has been in the U. S. for six months. The Chinese offered more than the usual number of delicacies to accompany the tea and were extremely gracious.

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